Betrayal of Pensioners by Burmah Shell Oil Storage

2940. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are aware that the Burmah Shell Oil Storage company betrayed pensioners who joined service before 1950 by arbitrarily amending clauses 15 & 16 of Pension Rules to give pension less then 40 per cent of last five years' average salary;

(b) whether this was struck down by the Supreme Court in Somprakash Vs. BSOS, AIR 1981 page 212—234; and

(c) in view of the Supreme Court Judgement, whether Government would direct the BPCL to make good the loss to old pensioners who are affected, and not to discriminate between pre 1976 and post 1976 pensioners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) It has been reported by the BPCL that Regulation 16 of the Schedule to the Burmah-Shell India Pension Trust Deed provided for certain deductions from the pension amount payable to the Burmah-Shell pensioners. In the case of Somprakash Rekhi Vs. UOI, the Supreme Court held that the said Regulation was violative of Employees Provident Fund Act/Payment of Gratuity Act. The Corporation has taken necessary action to implement the judgement of the Supreme Court as also to extend the benefits arising out of it to the similarly placed pensioners w. e. f. 1-5-1973. However, this could not be extended to employees retired before 30-4-73, as the Supreme Court judgement was applicable only from 1-5-73.

Supply of gas by GAIL

2941. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Statewise break up of the Kilometerage of the pipeline operated by the Gas Authority of India (GAIL);

(b) names and locations of the power and fertilizer plants and industrial consumers to whom this gas is supplied by GAIL;

(c) what is the criterion of selecting the plants or industrial consumers for supply of gas through the pipeline; and

(d) what is the reason for Maharashtra being neglected in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in statements I & II (*See* below).

(c) Allocations are made by the Government taking into consideration the availability of gas, techno-economic viability of supply, imputed value of gas use etc.

(d) Maharashtra gets around 30% of the gas available from Western Offshore at present and by 1996-97 it is likely to increase to 35%.

Statement I

Supply of gas byGAIL

Statewise break-up of Gas Pipeline Operated by Gas Authority of India Ltd.

Name of the State	Length of pipelines (in kms)
Maharashtra	99
Andhra Pradesh	217
Assam	40
Uttar Pradesh	870
Haryana	33
Tamil Nadu	16
Gujarat	1063
Madhya Pradesh	580
Rajasthan	115
Delhi	76

Statement II

Fertilizer Plants *Supply of gas by GAIL*

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Name of the Units
1.	Maharashtra	1. RCF Trombay 2. RCF Thal 3. Deepak Fertilizers Taloja.